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May 7, 2003

Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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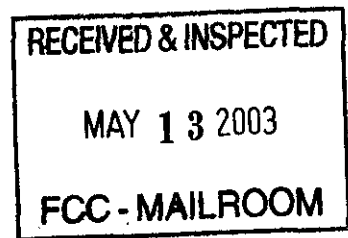
Dear Mr. Powell:

I am attaching a letter we have just sent to our local central Illinois newspaper. It explains the concern my wife and I have about the Commission possibly acting to allow monopoly ownership of radio and television stations in communities.

The Commission must realize restrictions on news and information that such an action would have. Diverse voices in our nation must have outlets for communicating with their neighbors.

We urge you not to ~~not to~~ proceed with this change.

Sincerely yours
Ralph Smith &
Ellen Smith



Joseph F. Schneider
4053 Mount Brundage Ave.
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May 5, 2003

Mr. Jonathan S. Adelstein,
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

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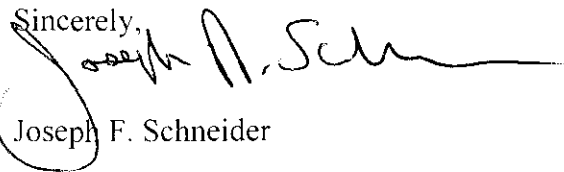
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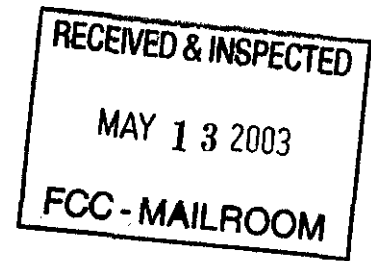
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Joseph F. Schneider

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Dear Mr. Powell:

I have several concerns about the deregulation of the media in the United States. Currently, there are regulations on the media designed to ensure that there is a multiplicity of views and voices that are represented. It appears that removing these regulations would result in the broadcast media becoming a free market, which would risk losing the diverse viewpoints we have today. Currently, a company may not own more than one station in a given market. Also, a company may not own more than 35% of stations on the national market.

These regulations have made it possible for there to be numerous station owners in broadcast media. If broadcast media were to be deregulated, corporations would seek to acquire as many media outlets as possible. If the 35% cap on ownership were removed, would there be nothing to stop large corporations, who can afford it, from cornering the market? With a smaller number of owners controlling media, it follows that a smaller number of viewpoints would be represented. A healthy media is a diverse one, and I believe that diversity should be protected. It seems that deregulation would be very harmful to average citizens who stand the chance of losing the numerous sources that they rely upon for information. I welcome a response from the Federal Communications Commission or yourself in regards to this matter. Any information that you could provide me concerning the protection of the diversity of broadcast media would be greatly appreciated. I thank you for your time.

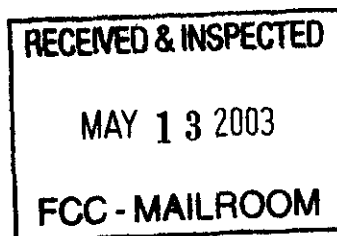
Respectfully,



Christy Lloyd

March 26, 2003

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington DC 20554



Dear Commissioners:

Re. Decline in morality on TV, Radio and the Movies

It seems to us that there are far fewer family programs to watch on TV these days. Everywhere you turn, sex, violence and profanity bombard you. Do the actors and actresses really believe that the use of a four-letter word is needed in their conversation or that a love affair is justified? As parents and grandparents, we wonder about the level of programming that our children and grandchildren will watch in the future. We also question the values conveyed to our children with the shows available today.

We are a country of people from all religions and walks of life. We are proud to stand up and defend our faith and call for prayer as part of our daily lives. We have a rich heritage and record of support for respect for human life in all of its stages. We support the inclusion of "UNDER GOD" as part of our Pledge of Allegiance...

We represent the **majority** of adults and teenagers in our country and we want our voices and messages heard, loudly and clearly. We comprise a powerful lobbying group when it comes to the polls on Election Day and our votes do count! With all of these positive attitudes and values, why do we tolerate the voices or demands of the **vocal minority**?

It is time for us to be heard –

Our message is short and to the point

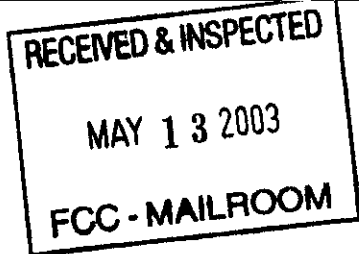
"Clean up our television and communication networks and do it NOW!"

Thank you for your understanding of our position and for taking appropriate and favorable action on our request.

Sincerely,

DAN P. Hygers

**Sandra G. Stevenson
15880 Tonkawood Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345**



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May 6, 2003

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing you to express my very deep concern about allowing further consolidation of the media.
Continued consolaton of media will be the death of democracy in America.

News and entertainment media have already been far to greatly consolidated and the American people are at this time in serious jeopardy of having access to timely, complete news and a broad public dialogue. Even to consider allowing further consolidation is dangerous folly. The reasons are too numerous to recount, but here are just a few:

Control the media, control the message: 1) There is a clear disincentive for journalistic investigation into corporate fraud when the corporation pays the salary of the journalist. As we have discovered recently with the collapse of Enron, corporate fraud is not merely a paper problem – it severely hurts people. 2) Corporations give very large donations to political parties because they expect something in return. This “expectation” provides precious little incentive to investigate when an elected official is using public resources to replace the plumbing in his house, or receives a kickback from a grateful board of directors for supplanting public policy. 3) And finally, why would a media giant allow a story to air that might seriously injure the chances of re-election of a congressional senator who is friendly to the giant’s plans? **We must have a press that is free to report the truth, a press that is not hindered by corporate and political concerns.**

Absentee local media will never meet local needs: 1) Witness Minot North Dakota where a dangerous chemical spill could not be reported to the local population because the multi-national conglomerate which owns six of seven of Minot’s radio stations had fired almost all of the employees in order to consolidate operations. There was literally no one answering the urgent phone calls from public officials to air news about the spill. As a direct result of this corporate monopoly, people were seriously injured, livestock and pets were killed, private property was destroyed. This was not a unique event – circumstances like this will happen again, and again, and again. 2) Let’s take this real-life example a very small step further. When local media outlets are owned and operated by the same entity, who will provide more than one point of view? Surely even the most wildly optimistic can understand how dangerous it is for citizens of a democracy to have access to limited points of view.

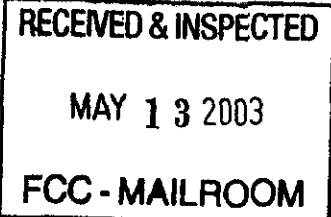
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c: Senators Mark Dayton and Norm Coleman, Representative Jim Ramstad, Pioneer Press, Star Tribune

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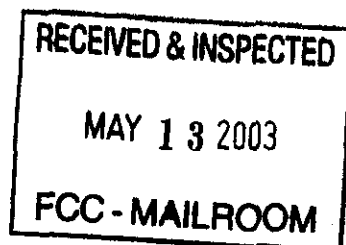

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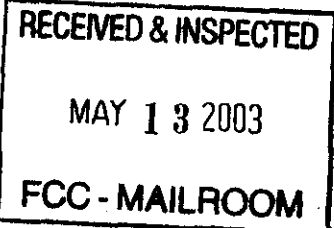
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Thank you for trying to publicize the proposed rule changes.

Yours truly,

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Caroline and Albert Jacobson



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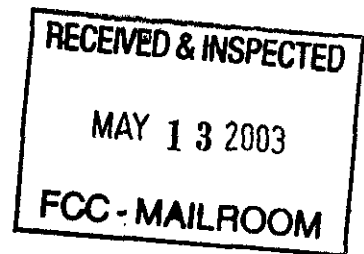
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Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms Abernathy:

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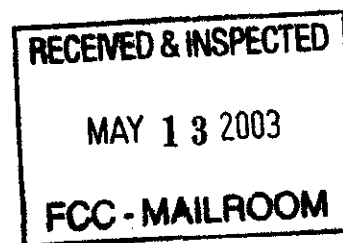
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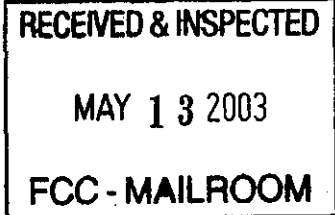
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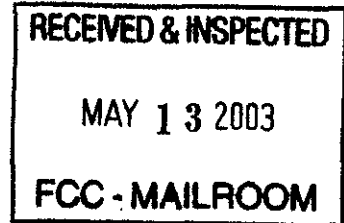
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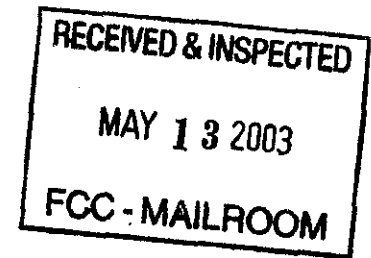
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Dear Commissioner Martin:

It is in the interest of freedom for public expression of differing views not to change the present "Broadcast Ownership Rules" which provide protection against monopoly of expression by media giants, who tend to refuse to air views different from their own on controversial issues.

The present broadcast ownership regulation ensure that the many views on controversial issues of the day can be expressed by providing for the existence of smaller media outlets with differing views--in contrast to the huge media giants who seem to hold virtually identical positions on controversial issues.

Expression publicly of differing views is essential for a self-governing nation such as the United States. Under the present regulations, citizens can hear many views on controversial issues through the smaller media outlets and not have them filtered out by the larger media ownership. Let's keep in effect the present regulations which guarantee the wide ownership of radio and television broadcast channel through which differing views can be publicly expressed.

Sincerely,

Martin H. Smith

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H. M. Humpidge
1014 Wilmington Island Rd
Savannah, GA 31410-4507

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I'm writing to ask that you not permit any further combinations of Radio Stations/TV Stations and Newspapers covering the same market. In Savannah most radio stations have been bought out by national groups and we no longer get to hear local personalities. Instead, we get syndicated DJs and syndicated talk shows. On nearby Hilton Head, all of the radio stations are owned by The Adventure Group and we get the same news reporter(s) and the same local stories ad nauseum.

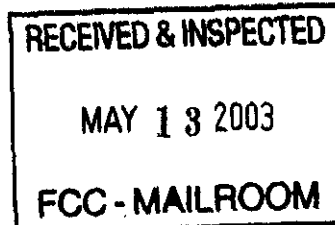
In Savannah two of the TV stations have the same owner and local news is duplicated by the same reporters every day. Our newspaper has weather predicted by the channel 11 weather personalities even though they are not permitted to be jointly owned. We will get more variety if no further combinations are approved. Also, rates will go up if several stations can be sold by the same sales force.

I managed WSAV-TV here (NBC affiliate) for 21 years, so my opinion should count for something. Our TV news was terrific because we had to compete with 4 other stations.

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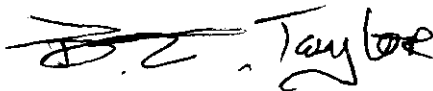
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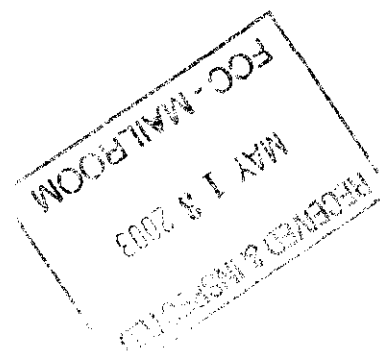
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Dear Mr. Powell:

I strongly urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that currently forbid monopolies in the media. It is vital to freedom of speech and thought that there be more than one outlet for communication with and by the American people. To allow a monopoly to exist, condoned by the United States Government under the guise of broadcast band regulation, would be against everything that this country was founded to promote and protect.

It has historically been shown that when large corporations accumulate enough power and money to achieve a monopoly in any field, the ultimate losers are the people. It has been necessary in the past for the government to step in to break up such monopolies for the good of the country and the protection of the people. Only in the case of natural monopolies, such as the distribution of water, electric power and gas and collection of sewage, where duplication of facilities would be wasteful is a **regulated** monopoly advantageous to the public. Even then, Congress has moved in recent years to deregulate natural monopolies, albeit with poor results and unfortunate consequences.

It therefore makes little sense for you to allow media monopolies to be created in the first place.

Sincerely yours,

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Patricia A. Cavender

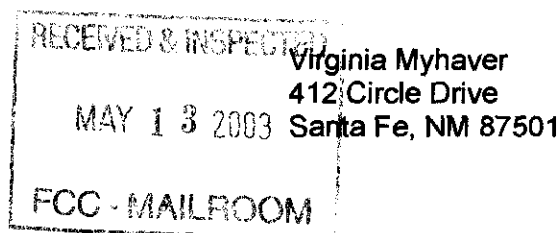
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5 May 2003

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



Commissioner Copps:

I wish to offer you my most sincere thanks for the effort you have made to involve the public in the review of FCC rules. As you well know, repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers. This will assure that media ownership will become even more concentrated among fewer companies than it already is, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised. The emergence of cable and satellite conglomerates has proven that more channels do not translate into the diverse voices, enhanced localism, or even variety in programming which are essential to a pluralist culture and the democratic process.

I am aware that Chairman Powell favors deregulation and holds the opinion that consolidation is simply a healthy trend in business, dictated by market forces. However, the relationship citizens in a democracy have with media does not compare to that which we have with other "products." The mass media shape our thoughts, decisions, and values and indeed, *should* provide the information and news we need to fully participate in our democratic society. An understanding of the profound impact the media have upon our lives and our democracy led to the establishment of the Federal Communications Commission and to its primary mission: to ensure that our airwaves are used by broadcasters in the "public interest."

Certainly, the "public interest" is best served by informing the citizenry of the intended changes and by allowing for further public and governmental response to decisions which will likely reconfigure American media, journalism, and democracy dramatically. I am aware that the Chairman has cited governmental pressure (which I suspect initially emanates from the powerful communications lobby) as a cause for the acceleration of the decision-making process. Please remind him that a clear directive to slow the process down is now being put forth; doing so could thus be enacted without reproach. Please continue to do all you can to insist that the proposed changes be disclosed and opportunity for comment extended.

I thank you again for upholding the FCC's mission to protect the public's interest throughout these proceedings.

Most Gratefully,

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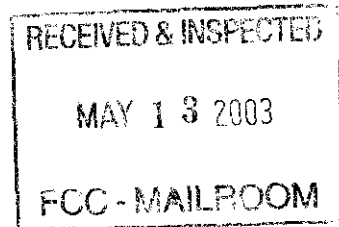
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May 6, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Powell:

I urge you not to relax the rules governing broadcast ownership. Changing the existing rules certainly benefits large conglomerate media companies but it does not bode well for the public.

The public good depends upon a healthy airing of the many varied viewpoints on the vast issues pertaining to our national interests. The proposed changes makes it possible for large media conglomerates to provide information, viewpoints, and perspectives consistent with *their* views, instead of providing greater discourses and diversity in views. A healthy debate requires many perspectives from many arenas.

Changing the broadcast ownership rules affords too much control of programming and program content into the hands of too few media companies. I urge you not to change the rules of ownership for the greater public good.

Sincerely,

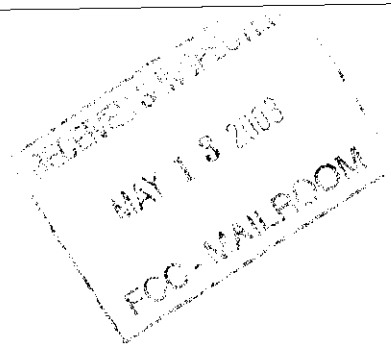

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The Honorable Michael J. Copps
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Copps:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Karen A. Cerwinski

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